

**REMARKS**

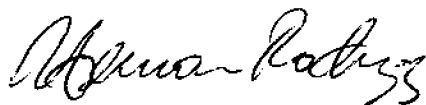
The Examiner has indicated Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-5, 12-14, and 19-20, drawn to statistical language modeling, classified in class 704, subclass 2.
- II. Claims 6-11, 15-18, and 21-22, drawn to speech recognition, classified in class 704, subclass 246.

Applicants want to thank Examiner Susan McFadden's telephonic attempt to Diana Roberts requesting an oral election. However, the undersigned patent agent is now handling prosecution of the subject application.

In response, Applicants elect, without traverse, claims 6-11, 15-18, and 21-22. Consideration of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Herman Rodriguez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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